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LOYOLA CENTENNIAL BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS CHRISTMAS COLLEGE ACTION

Doug Daigneault's basketball Warriors will be attempting to bounce back after suffering two defeats at the hands of the Australian National Team.

The Warriors with a perfect 7-0 record against teams in their own league face Mount Allison University of Sackville, New Brunswick tonight in the nightcap of the Second Annual Loyola Centennial Invitational Basketball Tournament at 9p.m.

The opening game at 7:00 p.m. pits defending Tournament champions Plattsburgh State College against Fort Kent Maine. All tournament games are at the Loyola sports complex. Winners of tonight's doubleheader will square off on Saturday night for the championship at 8:00 p.m. and the losers will face each other in the consolational final at 6:00 p.m.

A huge trophy and individual plaques donated through the courtesy of Labatts Breweries Limited will go to the winners.

Joe Jastrab's Plattsburgh squad is favoured to repeat as champions although squad is favoured to repeat as champions although Fort Kent and Loyola could upset the applecart. Mount Allison, coached by Montrealer Angus "Gus" MacFarlane is the dark horse.

Plattsburgh is a team that does not have any players of considerable size but excells in fast breaking tactics. They put on a tremendous display at Loyola in last year's Centennial Basketball Tourney edging the University of Western Ontario 71-67 in a thrilling championship final.

The Bengals from Fort Kent only have four players under the 6 foot mark but ironically a pair of 5'10" players are their top scorers.

Guard Sterling Leblanc is the leading point getter with a brilliant 19 point average.

Twenty-one year old John Libby had an outstanding 25 point performance in an earlier non league game against Loyola.

Loyola and Fort Kent split a pair of non-league matches in late November, the Warriors losing 97-98 and winning 102-86.

Plattsburgh and Loyola both bowed to Brooklyn College, their only common opponent.

Coach Daigneault of Loyola welcomes the competition the tournament will offer his team, "we are a young squad and learning all the time".